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(54) DEVELOPER CONTAINER, PROCESSING CARTRIDGE, JUDGEMENT DEVICE FOR RECYCLING OF SUCH CONTAINER OR CARTRIDGE AND IMAGE FORMING DEVICE

(57) Abstract:

PURPOSE: To prevent the use of an imitation toner cartridge in a copying machine. CONSTITUTION: A storing means provided with ROM and a terminal for electrical connection, for example, is provided to one part of the toner cartridge 1 and code data guaranteeing the quantity of the toner, for example the code data of the manufacturing firm of the toner, is stored to the storing means. Then, a reading means reading the data of the storing means through the terminal for connection and an action inhibiting control means inhibiting copying when the code data which was fixed beforehand is not read are provided on the copying machine main body side.

